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Fancy catching a Bamberg Symphony Orchestra rehearsal?

Would you and your students like to hear the Orchestra, before the actual concert, playing the music which, a little later, it will perform to an audience of hundreds?

No problem!

All schoolchildren from Bamberg and the surrounding area are invited, with their teachers, to share with the Bamberg Symphony the experience of preparing a concert and see how the musicians and conductor work through a piece, hone the details and get it ready for the big night.

On the day of the rehearsal, about 45 minutes before the start, our guests are welcomed by a member of the Bamberg Symphony – Bavarian State Philharmonic's Education Team, who will escort them through the Concert Hall and give a brief introduction to life in the Orchestra. Instruments can also be explained and demonstrated on request.

Everyone present during the rehearsal itself is expected to give his or her fullest attention. This will come all the more naturally if the visit has been well prepared beforehand, in the classroom. To help teaching staff prepare, we're happy to furnish materials relevant to the artists and music involved. The material must be adapted by teachers themselves to suit the age range of their classes.

To help choose which rehearsal to apply for, we suggest consulting the brochure for this Season's concert programme, which can be ordered by phone (0951/9647-100). In principle schoolchildren are welcome at all rehearsals, though we reserve the right to limit access

As a rule, rehearsals are held two to three days before a concert, with a final rehearsal on the day itself. Morning rehearsals start at 9:30 a.m. and last until approximately midday, with a break after about 70 minutes. The running order, i.e. which piece is rehearsed and when, is decided by the conductor a few days before the rehearsals start.

When arranging rehearsal visits we aim to choose programmes to suit the age of our visitors.



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